

Resolution authorizing the payment of \$22,000 to Elise Wyant to settle a disputed claim (Common Pleas Court)

WHEREAS, Elise Wyant resigned her employment with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas as a member of the personal staff of former Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Horton, and submitted a written "complaint packet" alleging, among other things, workplace misconduct by former Court Administrator Atiba Jones and former Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Horton; and

WHEREAS, Elise Wyant has since voiced her intention to bring litigation against the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and former Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Horton and former Court Administrator Atiba Jones arising from matters relating to the terms of her employment and its end;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2744.07(B)(1), the Board of Commissioners may secure releases from liability for County agencies, offices and employees with respect to any claim for loss to persons or property caused by an act or omission in connection with a governmental or proprietary function; and

WHEREAS, the parties herein wish to avoid the time and expense of litigation and have reached a resolution of the matters in dispute, pending approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas implemented a discriminatory harassment policy and disseminated it to all employees, including judicial employees and elected judicial officers; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas will conduct mandatory training for all of its employees, including judicial employees, regarding its discriminatory harassment policy prior to December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the settlement, the Board hereby agrees to pay a total of \$22,000 to Ms. Wyant; and

WHEREAS, this settlement is in no way an admission of liability on the part of Franklin County Board of Commissioners or the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That in accordance with the preamble, which is incorporated herein, the settlement in the amount of \$22,000 payable to Elise Wyant is hereby approved; and
2. That the attached purchase order is hereby approved.

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